



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—APRIL 29, 2018
FOR APRIL 29, 2018 TO MAY 5, 2018

Church Report

April 15, 2018

Attendance	137
General Fund	\$5,626
MOOS	\$2,070

Weekly offerings need to average \$8,621 to meet budget.

Next Sunday, May 6, 2018

Worship Leader—Verna Miller
 Prelude/Offertory—CMCL Ensemble
 Sermon—Richard Thomas, Mennonite World Conference
 Song Leader—Beth Graybill
 Sound Technician—Anne Sensenig/Michael Eby-Good, Aaron Eby-Good
 Greeter—Carol Spicher
 Ushers—Jim Spicher, Luke Good, Laurel Martin, Phil Kreider
Child Care
 Laura Boll, Lindsey Deininger

CMCL Calendar

April, 2018

- 29 8th Grade Bible Presentation
- 29 Senior Youth, Skyzone, 7-9 p.m.

May, 2018

- 4 Parrot Gallery Reception, Michael Eby-Good, 5-9 p.m.
- 6 Mentor/Mentee Banquet, 12:30-3 p.m.
- 6 Mennonite World Conference Sunday
- 6 Monthly Potluck
- 14 Mennonite Men, at Monte Garber's home, 7 p.m.
- 20 Children & Youth Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, 11 a.m.
- 20 4th Grade Blessing
- 20 Pentecost, Parrot Pinning
- 20 Child Dedication Sunday
- 20 Last Day of Christian Ed

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ADULT CHRISTIAN ED – April 29—Main Sanctuary—Reflections on Seminary by two of our theology students, Teman Cooke & Pam Brubaker.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED Option Two – April 29: HAMLET is an initiative of pastoral team, offered to foster further connection and interaction at CMCL; it is a platform to share our life's journeys, to welcome and engage newer and older attenders. Topic for this Sunday: Sacred space: What is your refuge for recharging and finding your center? Is it a physical or a spiritual place? Is it a friend? Bring your story, or a picture.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED – May 6—Main Sanctuary—Mark Clatterback will discuss his book, "Crow Jesus: Personal Stories of Native Religious Belonging". The book offers a historical overview of Christianity's arrival, growth, and ongoing influence in Crow Country, with special attention to Christianity's relationship to traditional ceremonies and indigenous ways of seeing the world.

COMMUNITY CIRCLES SUNDAY TODAY—During worship today, April 29, we will spend some time sharing with one another in breakout groups. These quarterly breakout Sundays have been one of many initiatives across the congregation this year, to help us better know, and be known by, each other in this diverse and shifting congregation! Small Group Committee: Ken Beam, Linda Berger, Sarah Fritz, and Amelia Rausser.

FISHBOWL VOLUNTEERS MEETING TODAY—Co-Directors Michelle Meck & Kandace Helmuth have created an incredible handbook of details for how the fishbowl functions, as well as dos and don'ts in the Fishbowl. We invite you to join us for a meeting after CE *today*, April 29th (12 noon) - in the Parrot Cafe to receive these handbooks and talk through them (quickly, I promise). Malinda Clatterback

MONTHLY POTLUCK—Join us next Sunday, May 6, for the monthly congregational potluck after Christian Ed to enjoy community time together. If you are visiting or are new to the congregation, we especially hope you will join us. We always need extra help with clean up, so we encourage you to stay a few minutes to help clean up if you can. May 6 will be the last monthly potluck for this season.

HOLDING IN LIGHT AND LOVE

The persons named below are CMCLers who have shared joys or prayer concerns with the community in the previous weeks, or persons who are no longer physically able to come to services. Please take time to remember these folks especially throughout the week, in thought and prayer.

If you have a joy or prayer concern you would like to bring to the congregation, please call or e-mail Susan at cmcl@communitymennonite.org

Deb and Carmen Napolitan
 Beky Weidner, Larry Penner, Zach Penner and Ali Penner
 Jerry Gibbs and Donna Walton-Gibbs
 Ruth Hartzler Martin and Jay Martin
 Luke and Mary Bomberger
 Laurie, Ron, Emily, Annie and Ellis Vogt
 Kristin, Michael, Ella and Madelyn Sharp (Mennonite Mission Network, London)

PLEASE NOTE—Please do NOT park in Covenant United Methodist's parking lot on Sunday mornings. They need their parking spaces for their own congregation. You may park in the CMCL lot, on the surrounding streets, or in the Fred F. Groff Funeral Home parking lot on Orange Street, one block prior to CMCL. Thank you!

FLOWERS FOR ENVIRONMENT IN APRIL AND MAY—Would you like to provide flowers in the sanctuary, on the window sills, in April or May? Home grown or purchased are welcome. 10 windows/pint jars total. You just fill the jars when you arrive. You are welcome to provide a bouquet up front as well... but not necessary. Please let Lynn Sommer know if you would like to reserve a Sunday. Thanks! Lynn -for the Environment Committee.

SABBATICAL—Susan is now in her 8th year of full-time employment as a pastor at CMCL and is eligible for a sabbatical. Congregational Council approved a three-month sabbatical for Susan this summer from June 1 – August 31. Susan will focus on health, wellness and resiliency skills, as well as have time with her family. She plans to meet regularly with a life coach throughout the time leading up to the sabbatical and also the time after, hoping to integrate skills into life with full-time work in the fall. During the sabbatical, Susan will also participate in several retreats including songwriting and SoulCollage. We appreciate all that Susan has done the past years and particularly the past 18 months since we have been short staffed, and we look forward to a rejuvenated Susan in the fall.

PARROT GALLERY OPENING—Sculptor Michael Eby Good shows two parts of his artistic life at his May 4th First Friday opening, 5-9 p.m., with this Parrot Gallery exhibit. "Facsimiles: Wood Becomes Bone" features his long-term practice of sculpting with found and scrap materials, and his new interest in theatrical set and prop design.

CALLING FOR CMCL VOLUNTEERS!—There is a spring-pink opportunity in your mailbox today. Carefully read the new leadership selection form to find your special niche. Return form to Carmalena Stoltzfus Iyengar's mailbox by MAY 20. Thank you. Leadership Selection Committee (Esther Becker, Kevin Hurst. Carmalena Stoltzfus Iyengar, Mary Lou Weaver Houser)

HOUSING NEEDED—Alas, our lovely temporary rental is coming to an end. Looking for a 3 BR rental starting June 1, in the areas of Lancaster Twp., Manheim Twp., Lititz, East Petersburg, East Hempfield or Lampeter/Strasburg. Call/Text Karen Shenk Zeager at 717-203-4843 with viable leads or options. Or email karina53@icloud.com.

PAPER CRANES—More paper cranes are needed for the June environment. Help yourself to paper on the shelves in the Conference room. Return your folded cranes to the shelf in a bag with your name in it. The environment committee would like to know who is helping with all the folding. Thanks so much - questions? Lynn Sommer, lynnjsommer@gmail.com

CREATIVITY AND CONTEMPLATION, TOOLS FOR GRIEFWORK—May 10, 2018 at 3 p.m., 701 Green Acres St., Mechanicsburg. Melissa Stock will host a presentation in her home for those who have lost a loved one and for anyone who works with people in grief. Herb Landis will show the film, "Death Valley: A Love Story", and present ideas from his therapeutic guide, "Landscapes of Grief and Mourning". Discussion and a light meal will follow. (717) 433-5068 or melissamyersstock@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

"JAM FOR THE LAND" FREE CONCERT—Lancaster Against Pipelines legal fund fundraiser, today, Sunday, April 29, 4-8 p.m. Tellus 360, (24 E King St, Lancaster, PA) downstairs "Temple." Bands include: the Mystic Alpacas, Liz Fulmer, Monica de Vitry, The Vinegar Creek Constituency, Nick DiSanto, Big Boy Brass. RSVP to the Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/175450303261907>

SPEND AN EVENING WITH STORYTELLER-PACIFIST-AUTHOR-PEACE ACTIVIST—The Peace Action Network of Lancaster, Interchurch Peace Witness, Lancaster Against Pipelines and 1040 for Peace invite you to an evening with Kathy Kelly at the Community Mennonite Church, 328 West Orange Street in Lancaster beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. A renowned storyteller, pacifist, author and peace activist, Kathy is a Co-coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence who has traveling to Iraq 26 times and nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times. (For details, see <http://vcnv.org/kathy-kelly-long-version/>). Supporting youth calling for gun control, Kathy will connect the excesses of guns and indiscriminate shootings in the U.S. with warfare and international weapon proliferation. Embracing creative nonviolence, Kathy will highlight her experiences of living with those afflicted by wars drawing particular attention to current U.S. involvement in the war against Yemen. Music will be provided by *Voices for Peace*. There is no admission charge, but a \$10 per person donation is requested to sustain the work of Voices for Creative Nonviolence.

YARDSALES FOR GIRLS' ORPHANAGES IN INDIA—There's an awesome, huge annual benefit yard sale coming up on May 17 and 18. All the proceeds go to girls' homes in India that Carmalena Stoltzfus Iyengar volunteers with. We have donated over \$60,000 dollars over the past 12 years to various non-profits! It will be at 118 North Decatur St. in Strasburg, and you can come shop, or even donate items or volunteer your time! Let Carmalena know if you'd like information on how to be involved. Carmalena@hotmail.com

QUILTERS—You are invited! Landis Homes is hosting two "Bring a Friend" Quilting Bees May 18 and July 23. Each one is from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. The quilts will be sold to support the Landis Homes Caring Fund at the September 8 Benefit Auction. Snacks will be provided for everyone. Lunch will be provided for those quilting 4 hours or more. RSVP by calling the Landis Homes Advancement Team at (717) 509-5490.